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June 25, 2019

Honorable Donald Trump President of the United States 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20500-0001

Re: Invitation to Visit New Mexico

Dear Mr. President:

The Eddy County Board of County Commissioners cordially invite you to visit the great state of New Mexico.

New Mexico is in dire need of your attention and leadership, Mr. President. New Mexico is currently in a state of emergency due to the rapidly growing crisis on our southern border. We, the People of New Mexico find ourselves without solid state and federal leadership. Our Governor and U.S. Representatives continue to stand on the premise that there is no crisis on the border. They prefer to declare a humanitarian crisis and disregard the massive flow of immigrants and illegal narcotics flowing into our counties and our state. Our Governor and U.S. Representatives have chosen to close our Border Patrol checkpoints in order to utilize them to process asylum seekers. These checkpoints are a crucial line of defense in interrupting the flow of immigrants and illegal drugs into the State of New Mexico. Mr. President, you have always put the health, safety, and well-being of the American people first. With your strong leadership and guidance we ask that you would please come to New Mexico and support our locallyelected county commissioners and our county sheriffs' as we make our growing border crisis known to our Governor and U.S. Representatives. Eddy County will warmly welcome you, Mr. President, as we stand behind and support your leadership and efforts in securing our border.

Respectfully,

Jon Henry, Commission Chairman